

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of REMINGTON BLAKE NICHOLS,  
DERRICK DEMETRIUS NICHOLS, JR.,  
THADDEUS LEWIS NICHOLS, A'JENEE  
DENISE HARRIS, and JENEA MONIQUE  
HARRIS, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

PAULA DENISE HARRIS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DERRICK NICHOLS, LIONEL FRANKLIN,  
TERRANCE HUNT, and ANDREW JACKSON,

Respondents.

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No. 245080  
Wayne Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 00-394724

Before: Smolenski, P.J., and Murphy and Wilder, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E)(1)(b).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I), now MCR 3.977(J); *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). The primary condition that led to adjudication was respondent-appellant's failure to provide safe and suitable housing for the children. The evidence showed that, during the twenty-two month history of the case, respondent-appellant was unable to obtain and maintain suitable housing or continued employment. She also did not follow through with court-ordered individual counseling and did not obtain domestic violence counseling until late in the case.

Further, the evidence did not establish that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the best interests of the children. MCL 712A.19b(5); *Trejo, supra* at 353. Despite evidence showing a bond between mother and children, the continued failure of respondent-appellant to obtain suitable housing and employment caused the children uncertainty and confusion regarding their future. They need a permanent and stable home, which respondent-appellant cannot provide. Because the evidence satisfied the statutory standards and we do not find clear error in the trial court's determination, we affirm.

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael R. Smolenski

/s/ William B. Murphy

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder